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THE CONDITION OF COLORADO MINERS.

There is seldom presented to the people a more disturbing picture of the ability of money to defeat the principles of a free government, and to give justice a knock down blow, than the following abstract from a letter to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., from the miners in Colorado:

The miners in Colorado live in towns owned outright and managed autocratically. They live in company houses, they worship in company churches, they trade in company stores with company money. They have no redress for any grievances through political methods, because the mayor of the town is a company clerk, the justice of the peace a company boss, the sheriff a company superintendent. For thirty years you and your associates have banished American institutions from the coal countries of Colorado and have reduced the mining population to utter slavery. You kill twelve times as many men in accidents as are killed in similar mines in Austria; your control of justice is such that in most cases there has not been even a coroner's inquest—there has not been a cent of damages paid in some districts for ten years. It is plainly to be seen that these conditions favor tyranny in its worst form and make a complete farce of government and law.

The towns owned outright and managed autocratically on American soil, are a disgrace to the state in which they exist and to the government that tolerates them.

EQUALITY OF WEALTH.

There are people who cling to the idea that equality of wealth would produce a better condition than we have today and be better for the people.

If the wealth of the United States was equally divided we should all have \$1,965 apiece, and the average family would have \$10,000 they could call theirs and live upon while it lasted.

Such an Arcadian condition could not last long for it would stagnate business and invite idleness and excessive pleasure seeking.

It is not money alone which makes things lively, but the exertion of everybody to make money. The only distribution of wealth that is a blessing is that given in exchange for something wanted.

If everybody was worth \$10,000, who would be willing to do the hard work required today to supply the needs and meet the requirements and tastes of the people? Activity, not money, makes life worth living.

THE EFFECT OF DEMOCRATIC HOME POLICY.

The democratic administration is being extremely annoyed by the shortages in revenue. The low tariff is adding to the treasury deficit every day.

The federal treasury statement for Saturday, July 17, showed a balance of \$71,051,288.65 in the general fund, compared with \$125,133,000.00 on the same date two years previous, under republican laws. The deficit for the first 15 working days of the new fiscal year was \$12,162,567.94, showing that the administration is running behind at the rate of \$876,000 per day.

It is the old story. The purchasing power of money has been materially increased, but the dollars are harder to get and scarcer in the family.

A government policy which handicaps business and checks enterprise doesn't appeal to people who enjoy thrifty conditions.

The American business men know what the matter is and the people will join them next year in correcting democratic mistakes.

UNCLE SAM'S FOREIGN TRADE.

The last fiscal year has been very successful in the way of foreign trade, and the balance in our favor is pleasing.

In exports of domestic products, in aggregate value of foreign trade, and in favorable balance of trade the United States made a new high record in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915. Figures made public by the department of commerce show that imports and exports combined totaled \$4,442,684,372, an increase of \$184,000,000 over 1914 and of \$164,000,000 over 1913, the prior high-record year for total trade.

Exports in 1915 totaled \$2,795,640,532, an increase of \$404,000,000 over 1914 and of \$308,000,000 over 1913. Imports aggregated \$1,647,043,840, a decrease of \$219,700,000 from last year's total and of \$128,900,000 from that of 1913.

The excess of exports over imports for the year 1915 was \$1,094,422,792, which sum exceeded by \$428,000,000 the former high record made in 1908 and by \$628,900,000, the export balance for 1914.

June, 1915, exports were \$268,601,599 and imports \$121,630,000 for the total for June last. June imports were \$187,746,140, or less by \$216,690 than those for June, 1914, but \$98,500,000 more than those for June, 1913.

Of the June, 1915, imports 62.94 per cent. entered free of duty, compared with 53.28 per cent. for June, 1914, and 58.58 per cent. for June, 1913. Of the year's imports 61.73 per cent. were duty free; in 1914, 59.43 per cent.

The year's gold movements included imports, \$171,568,795; exports, \$146,234,143. In 1914 the figures were imports, \$20,538,000; exports, \$12,048,518. The month of June, 1915, reversed the conditions shown in June last year, while gold exports last month were only \$2,821,998, against \$48,107,064 in June, 1914.

Uncle Sam does not think neutrally should mean the paralysis of American manufactures.

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The woman who has tackled this problem and proposes to be the agent to promote better relations. Her method is to induce the parents of children who are sending them to Europe to get an education to send them to the United States, and her idea is generally commended as wise and reasonable with the spirit of the times.

These little South American republics need know us better—need to have wiped out the impression that we are more greedy for gain than honest in our transactions.

A Latin-American boy or girl educated here would be a permanent friend and patron and a dependable advance of the American ideas where they are sadly needed today.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

All the war made upon the mosquito cannot hush his song for blood.

The Germans who are chasing the Russian troops make no claim that they are having a picnic.

Let's see! Napoleon made a glorious entry into Russia once, but his retreat was most discouraging.

For noise and talk that jars our timbers the baseball grounds, not the playgrounds, carry off the palm.

Germany cannot claim the credit of being first with the gas bomb, but she showed it could be made effective.

Germany may be slow in answering the American note, but the note itself needed no additum to make it penetrating.

The pen is not mightier than the sword, perhaps, but it makes the conduct of the German submarines less ruthless.

The Eastland horror is to be thoroughly investigated, and the least responsible persons are likely to get the punishment.

Mr. Penfield of Bridgeport is now more noted for his rigidity than his plausibility. Thus genius gets stranded on the sands of time.

A favorite son is something most cities can boast of, but if he is elected mayor there is no mention of the first fact in his obituary.

Because of this nation's unpreparedness our status does not loom up before the Kaiser. But it is a fact we have greater guns than Germany.

President Wilson in his notes to Germany, does not have to argue like a brigand for he is demanding respect for international law and treaty agreements.

The state highway commissioner might come over east and look at the road between Norwich and Groton. It really deserves looking at as often as once a year.

The man who has been in the habit of building a fire under a balky horse can only stand beside his balky automobile and give voice to language that pleases Satan.

The statement made in this country and believed in Germany that American newspapers are controlled by British gold is one of the most muscular lies now stalking abroad.

We have not had a note of thanks from Germany yet for keeping that government posted upon what contraband departing ships are loaded with and the day and hour of their sailing.

William Thaw and Harry Thaw are brothers. Bill is winning fame as a belligerent aviator in France and everybody is familiar with what Harry is doing. Best boys are not oftenest in the public eye.

Famous Dutch Artist Dead.

Amsterdam, July 25.—Holland has lost one of its greatest painters in the death of Hendrik Willem Mesdag. Until he was 86 he was in business, giving up his commercial career at the age of 40 on the advice of Joseph Israels and Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema, and devoting the remaining fifty odd years of his life to art. His first work exhibited at the Paris Salon brought him a gold medal and a flattering letter from the French painter Millet. Before his death he was acknowledged in Holland as the leading marine painter of his day.

Of the 13,000,000 tons of iron ore produced in Spain yearly, only 3,000,000 tons are used at home, the rest being exported.

TOO MUCH WEATHER

"Wouldn't you?" demanded the girl who liked to talk. "Wouldn't you?" human woman invited to take tea with a perfectly gorgeous bachelor at the most fashionable place in town. "I'll be glad to accept," and borrow her mother's choice lace parasol and annex the embroidered silk hostess belonging to her aunt just home from abroad. The occasion justified it, for she from me to refuse to give any admiring man friend a treat! If there is anything that pleases a man it is to be able to stalk down a restaurant aisle with an air of "Oh, I like this very day! All my friends look just as wonderful as this one does!"

"I think," my mother offered as I was ready to start that "look like rain! Wouldn't you better take an umbrella?"

"This in the face of the lace parasol!" I explained carefully to mother and for thousands of years people had said it looked like rain and that those days invariably turned out to be the bright, sunniest of all days. I like that very much, but I don't like to take that pretty soon she would be as bad as the weather man with her predictions and that I certainly was not going to ruin my first evening with an effect with galoshes and umbrellas.

"Then carefully holding my crisp skirts away from my \$20 white edged patent leather shoes I sallied down the front steps. When I reached the corner it began to sprinkle. I raised the lace parasol and hurried toward the suburban station. It rained enough in those two blocks to spread over a hundred acres of ground, I know. The drops came through the holes in the lace with the violent penetration that the steel darts the alrmen are dropping over in Europe. Some of them hit me in the eyes and others found my skull and temples. There were no clouds on my tailored skirt and I had to wipe off my lovely shoes with an embroidered handkerchief when I reached the platform.

As I darted for the car from the shelter of the platform awning a fat man belatedly tried to disembark from the train—and I was in the way. I couldn't move and got a deluge from the car roof right down the back of my neck, laying low my flaring lace collar. It lay right down the back of my neck in a discouraged, "now let me die in peace!"

Two women leaned their wet umbrellas against the car and one of the 6 year old mother's darling wiped her muddy shoes over what was left of me while his parent smiled dreamily at him and occasionally murmured, "Reginald, are you perfectly comfortable? Don't you want to turn around and look out of the window once more? The lady won't mind, I'm sure!"

WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

Troop No. 4.

At the regular meeting held last Thursday evening the plans for the summer camp were discussed. It has been decided to go to Groton Long Point about the 2nd or 3rd week in August. Two tents, large enough to accommodate all the scouts, have been secured and the scouts have been given slips upon which all that is needed in the way of a camp kit has been listed. All that is now needed is a written permission from the parent of each scout to become a camper.

Nearly all arrangements for the summer camp have been completed. All but one or two boys have obtained permission from their parents to go. During the past few weeks the boys have been working hard to make a good camp. The meeting held July 22nd was devoted mostly to the inspection of the tents to be used by the boys at camp. The smaller tents were found to be in excellent condition but the larger needs some patching to put it in first-class order.

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"I disembarked downtown filled with a cold which I had inside and damp, and spotted outside."

"Tardion me," quoth a man with a large umbrella, catching up with me. "I'd be glad to shelter you as far as the boulevard anyhow if you are willing!" "Willing?" I gasped, darting beneath the proffered umbrella. "I'd walk with any one—simply any one—to get out of this rain!" "I see," said exactly what burst from my lips, I was just as willing to hear it as he was. "Don't try," he said when at last I opened my mouth to thank him. "I'll make it worse!" I'm satisfied to be just any one on this occasion!

"Did you ever hear of coals and ashes being carried down the street?" "I have," I replied, and paddled along beside him and the ribs of the umbrella kept jabbing what was left of my disheveled hair and the water dripped from its folds all over me.

"He offered to take me wherever I was going, but I wouldn't hear to it. I said I'd just stay in the corner jewelry store and wait till the downpour was over, so he bowed himself off. I waited fifteen minutes and the sun came out, so I started again, a limp and disheveled wreck. I had thought of sending a note and having my friend page, telling him I had sudden appendicitis or relatives from the east or that the bank had failed, but he hates dispatches, so I thought I'd better go. I had travelled half a block when somebody poured a tank of water over my head and I was drenched. I thought it was just more rain, but I vow it was all concentrated on the spot addressed to myself."

"I dripped at every pore, my embroidered silk stockings and patent leather shoes might have belonged to my laundress. And just as I made a final dash for the door where the tea party was to be, my lace parasol broke and I was drenched. I sat down in a ditch in all the rain."

"It didn't help things that my host was waiting at the door and rushed to me. I was drenched and he was a man with smiling plomby when you are sitting in a like with your hat over one ear! He was polite, but he seemed to consider it odd, too. No, I can't tell you what we had for tea—everything tasted sort of wet and rainy! I'll bet that if I had worn my old cloth shoes and last year's hat, the sun would have shone so energetically that I'd have had a sunstroke!"

"That's always the way," agreed her auditor.—Chicago News.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The New London Globe Man.

Mr. Editor: The beautiful sentiment expressed by the New London Globe Man about the placid and urbane condition as found by him in Norwich, is very nice, and after the strenuous times of 24th-Summer, Mill-End, Mark-down and over-stock sales combined with the arduous duties of organizing a Cooperative Building bank, digging a 20 foot channel, providing houses for the 3000 men to make guns, and the late outing at Richard's grove, it makes me feel for strangers to get around, instead of through our city it would be incumbent for a normally vigorous people to be placid and urbane. Most of all work and no play soon comes to grief and the New London Globe Man's commentary coming on top of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce procession with their various Roasts on the Rose of New England as they circulated around Franklin square would lead us to the thought that some time in our existence Norwich must have been anything but urbane and placid.

But all the same the New London Commentator has some very warm friends in Norwich, and it makes no difference whether it is Norwich, or elsewhere he visits, his genial smile and glad hand is always an inspiration to the hearts of his friends. He is a man for the bright side of life he carries with him wherever he goes.

ANOTHER COMMENTATOR.

P. S.—There is something most refreshing in a visit to the sea that unlocks imprisoned fancy and that sets the spirit free, that gathers up the cares of life and sweeps them away, bedazzled in the sparkle of an evanescent spray. This is not original but was cribbed for the occasion.

OTHER VIEW POINTS

The general disapproval by the German people and the German press here in Norwich of the latest note is probably the best compliment it has so far received.—New Haven Evening Register.

Few strikes have been so well photographed as this one at Bayonne. The camera men have snapped stone throwers and gun men at the peak of action. If the police were as pervasive as the newspaper photographers, the jails would be full.—Waterbury American.

In Havana, Cuba, they call jitney buses "aranas," meaning spiders. There are 3,000 jitneys plying through the streets of Havana every day, according to Eugenio Sanchez Agrament, Speaker of the Cuban House of Representatives, who is on his way to Virginia to spend his vacation.—New Britain Herald.

The citizens of any prosperous town are always public spirited and united. Together, we for the interest of the whole town. Always stand ready to do your part. Don't grumble and spend your time in prophesying failure, but help to make every enterprise a success. Be a great crowd. Be energetic and enterprising and your example will be imitated.—Woodbury Reporter.

It is difficult to find a paper these days that has no account of an automobile "accident," caused by the blinding headlights of some passing car. There is just one remedy for this annoyance, and that is to drive up close to the side of the road, and stay there until the blinder goes by. If you merely shoot the rays from your own lamps at him that may make him run his car into yours.—Hartford Courant.

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